

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works/Transportation Division
(Lead Department/Division)

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 (Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.), as defined in the State CEQA Guidelines and County Revised CEQA Guidelines.

APN(s) N/A County owned Right of Way Project No. N/A

LOCATION: Third and Fourth Supervisorial District

PROJECT TITLE: Rescinding and Adopting Time Limit Parking and Parking Restrictions in the Third and Fourth Supervisorial District

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Public Works requests the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed to rescind existing parking restrictions and establish new time limit parking and parking restrictions on Helena Street and Blosser Road in the Third and Fourth Supervisorial District.

- **Helena Street – Third Supervisorial District**

Public Works recommends that your Board adopt the proposed 15-minute angle parking zone on Helena Street in the Los Alamos Community. A request for time limit parking in front of the Los Alamos Post Office was received by Public Works. There is no postal delivery service in Los Alamos and all residents in the area receive and send their mail through this Post Office. During busy days parking availability is very limited in Los Alamos which prevents residents' access to the Post Office. Public Works reviewed the location and recommends the addition of three 15-minute parking stalls to provide short term parking in front of the Post Office.

- **Blosser Road – Fourth Supervisorial District**

Public Works recommends that your Board rescind the existing parking restrictions on the east side of Blosser Road intersecting Terrazzo Way (Vicinity Map #2), and adopt the proposed parking restrictions on both sides of Blosser Road between Union Valley Parkway and Clark Avenue in the Fourth Supervisorial District (Vicinity Maps #3-6). Blosser Road is a minor arterial road with sidewalk and fronting and mostly non-fronting residences on both sides of the road, located in the unincorporated area of Orcutt. The existing speed limit on Blosser Road is 45 mph. A request was received by Public Works to restrict parking on Blosser Road to guarantee a clear line of sight for vehicles making a left or right turn at intersections on Blosser Road. Public Works reviewed the request and determined multiple no stopping, standing, or parking zones should be established along the west side of Blosser

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Public Works Transportation Division

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption {15301(c)}
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15301(c) Existing Facilities – Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination. The types of “existing facilities” itemized below are not intended to be all inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. Examples include but are not limited to: (c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety).

Reasons to support exemption findings: Consistent with this exemption, the proposed project involves a in change parking designations as an effective method for improving traffic safety and circulation. Parking regulations on public roadways are established based upon safety, sight distance restrictions, necessity and how it relates to the use by the community as a whole. The project allows for a public safety activity designed to maintain a safe traveling condition of the highway facility as it was constructed. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Therefore, the project can be found to be categorically exempt from CEQA.

There is no substantial evidence that there are unusual circumstances (including future activities) resulting in (or which might reasonably result in) significant impacts which threaten the environment. The exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

- (a) **Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located -- a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.**

CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 is a Class 1 exemption; therefore, this exception does not apply.

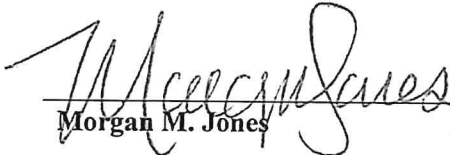
- (b) **Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.**

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Acceptance Date: **July 13, 2021**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



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Department Representative

June 14, 2021

Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning & Development Department at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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